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### **MORE FAMILIES MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FREE AND REDUCED SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM**

**Heidelberg, GE** – More families may be eligible for free and reduced lunches because of a change in the eligibility guidelines for the Free and Reduced Lunch program.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has now authorized the exclusion of the Family Supplemental Subsistence Allowance (FSSA) as income when determining eligibility for participation in the Free and Reduced Lunch program. The change is effective immediately and will continue through the end of fiscal year 2006.

Public Law 108-375 has been amended by the 2005 National Defense Authorization Act stating any FSSA that a household receives must not be treated as income in determining eligibility for the program.

Anyone receiving Family Supplemental Subsistence Allowance (FSSA) should contact your School Liaison Officer or the installation agency determining Free and Reduced Lunch Program eligibility for review based on the new guidance.

<b><u>Lunch</u></b>	Students eligible for free lunch	<b>No Charge</b>
	Students eligible for Reduced Price lunch	<b>\$0.40</b>
	K-6 students paying Full Price for lunch	<b>\$2.05</b>
	7-12 students paying Full Price for lunch	<b>\$2.20</b>
	Non-Students	<b>\$3.30</b>

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